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ACTIVITY # 2

Chicken Feed

Children will count by tens to 100 as they race to feed a hungry chicken.

LEARNING GOALS

- Count to 10
- Count by tens to 100

ITEMS NEEDED

- Paper plates (one per child)
- Crayons/markers or dried corn kernels (popcorn)

GET READY



Visit pbskids.org/learn and share *The Space Creature Problem* video clip with your group. Review the number 100 and lead a discussion about how to count to 100 by tens. You might show the children a hundreds chart as you point out the repeating patterns. You can group small blocks, beads, or manipulatives in groups of 10 to demonstrate group counting. Teach your group Peg's "counting by tens" song, which you can view online.

HAVE FUN!



1. Hand out paper plates and crayons.
2. Select one child to play the role of the chicken. Explain to the group: "This chicken has a very big problem! He is so hungry! He needs to eat 100 kernels of corn. I'm going to need your help getting all the corn to the chicken!"
3. Ask each child to draw 10 kernels of corn on his or her plate (or count out 10 kernels from the jar).
4. As children draw or place the corn on their plates, go around the room and ask, "How many kernels of corn do you have? How many more do you need?"
5. Gather as a group and count by tens to find out how much corn you have. Do you have fewer than 100 kernels? If so, make a few more plates of corn.

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HAVE FUN! (cont.)

- 6. Now it's time to feed the chicken! Have kids line up at one end of the room. Place the child playing the chicken on the opposite side.
- 7. Children should take turns running their plate to the chicken and then returning to tag the next person in line. Then it's that child's turn to run. As each plate of corn is delivered, have children count by tens (10, 20, 30, 40...). Keep going until the group has reached 100.

PROBLEM SOLVED!

When the hungry chicken has been fed 100 kernels of corn, sing the **"Problem Solved"** song!

Problem solved! The problem is solved!
We solved the problem! Problem solved!

MORE FUN IDEAS



- Play the game again, but this time use a timer. Increase the speed as children get more comfortable counting by tens.
- Set up 10 plates of corn to create a path. Have children pretend to be the hungry chickens as they hop to each plate and count by tens all the way to 100.

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Chicken Feed Hundreds Chart

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

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